

Iowa Farmers Union Produce Safety (FSMA) Field Day

Monday, September 17, 2018 2-6 pm

To ensure a safer food supply, the federal government passed and is enacting the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). The Act shifts the focus from responding to food-borne illness to preventing it. Growers of fresh fruits and vegetables are especially at risk for growing, handling and selling products that may contain pathogens. The Iowa Farmers Union (IFU) is sponsoring field days to help growers with their compliance efforts. IFU is working in collaboration with Iowa State University Extension and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Each session includes plenty of hands-on experience.

Dinner provided

RSVPs requested. To RSVP, or for special needs, please contact Ronald Tigner at rtigner@iowafarmersunion.org or (515) 357-0503 by September 15.

More Details: For further information and directions see iowafarmersunion.org/blog.

HOSTS:

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TOPICS:

- Produce safety
- Wildlife and domesticated animals
- Worker health, hygiene and training
- Soil amendments and land use
- Agricultural water
- Harvesting, post-harvest handling and sanitation
- Farm food safety planning

SPEAKERS:

- Iowa State University Extension produce safety staff

THE FARM:

Grow Johnson County has two missions: to reduce food insecurity in Johnson County and to serve as an educational farm for new growers. Produce from the farm's 4 acres is distributed to food pantries, food banks and meal sites in the greater Johnson County area.

DIRECTIONS:

The farm is on the western edge of Iowa City. From U.S. 218, take Exit 93 and go west on Melrose Avenue. The farm is on the south side of the road after 0.3 mile

